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Senate report details broad failures around Jan. 6 attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A the Capitol" with weapons Senate investigation of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol found a broad intelligence breakdown across multiple agencies, along with widespread law enforcement and military failures that led to the violent attack.

ligence never made it up to top leadership. The result was chaos. A Senate report released Tuesday details how officers on the front lines suffered chemi-There were clear warnings cal burns, brain injuries and tips that supporters and broken bones, among of former President Donother injuries, after fighting ald Trump, including rightthe attackers, who quickly wing extremist groups, overwhelmed them and were planning to "storm broke into the building.

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In this Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol Police officers hold off rioters loyal to President Donald Trump at the Capitol in Washington.

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Officers told the Senate investigators they were left with no leadership or direction when command systems broke down.

The Senate report is the first and could be the last bipartisan review of how hundreds of Trump supporters were able to push violently past security lines and break into the Capitol that day, interrupting the certification of Joe Biden's presidential election victory. It recommends immediate changes to give the Capitol Police chief more authority, to provide better planning and equipment for law enforcement and to streamline intelligence gathering among federal agencies.

As a bipartisan effort, the report does not delve into the root causes of the attack, including Trump's role as he called for his supporters to "fight like hell" to overturn his election defeat that day. It does not call the attack an insurrection, even though it was. And it comes two weeks after Republicans blocked a bipartisan, independent commission that would investigate the insurrection more broadly. "This report is important in the fact that it allows us to make some immediate improvements to the security situation here in the Capitol," said Michigan Sen. Gary Peters, the chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which conducted the probe along with the Senate Rules Committee. "But it does not answer some of the bigger questions that we need to face, quite frankly, as a country and as a democracy."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Tuesday the findings show even greater need for a bipartisan commission to investigate the root causes of the attack, referring to Trump's unfounded claims about the 2020 election.

"As the 'big lie' continues to spread, as faith in our elections continues to decline, it is crucial — crucial — that we establish a trusted, independent record of what transpired," Schumer said. But Senate Republican



In this Jan. 6, 2021, file photo rioters break into the Capitol in Washington.

leader Mitch McConnell, who led the blockade against such a commission, said he's confident the ongoing reviews by lawmakers and law enforcement will be sufficient.

The House in May passed leaislation to create a commission that would be modeled after a panel that investigated the Sept. 11 terrorist attack two decades ago. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told colleagues in a letter Tuesday that if the Senate fails to approve the commission, her chamber will launch its own investiaations.

The top Republican on the rules panel, Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt, has opposed the commission, arguing that investigation would take too long. He said the recommendations made in the Senate can be implemented faster, such as legislation that he and Minnesota Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, the rules committee chair, intend to introduce soon that would give the chief of Capitol Police more authority to request assistance from the National Guard.

The Senate report recounts how the Guard was detook bureaucratic steps to release the troops. It details hours of calls between officials in the Capitol and the Pentagon and as the thenchief of the Capitol Police,

Steven Sund, desperately begged for help.

It finds that the Pentagon spent hours "mission planning" and seeking multiple layers of approvals as Capitol Police were being overwhelmed and brutally beaten by the attackers. It also says the Defense Department's hesitant response was influenced by criticism of its heavy-handed response to protests in the summer of 2020 after the death of George Floyd in police custody.

The senators are heavily critical of the Capitol Police Board, a three-member panel made up of the heads of security for the House and Senate and the Architect of the Capitol. The board now is required to approve requests by the police chief, even in urgent situations. The report recommends that its members "regularly review the policies and procedures" after senators found that the three board members on Jan. 6 did not understand their own authority and could not detail the statutory requirements for requesting National Guard assistance.

Iwo of the three board layed for hours Jan. 6 as of- members, the House and ficials in multiple agencies Senate sergeants at arms, were pushed out in the days after the attack. Sund, the Capitol Police chief, resigned under pressure.

The report recommends a consolidated intelligence **Associated Press**

unit within the Capitol Police after widespread failures from multiple agencies that did not predict the attack even though insurrectionists were planning it openly on the internet.

The police intelligence unit "knew about social media posts calling for violence at the Capitol on January 6, including a plot to breach the Capitol, the online sharing of maps of the Capitol Complex's tunnel systems, and other specific threats of violence," the report says, but agents did not properly inform leaders of everything they had found. On Dec. 28, for example, the report notes that someone emailed a public Capitol Police account and warned about "countless tweets from Trump supporters saying they will be armed on January 6th" and "tweets from people organizing to 'storm the Capitol."' There were also internal warnings of an uptick in posts on various sites that showed maps of the Capitol, including its underground tunnels. But those specifics were never disseminated widely.

In a response to the report, the Capitol Police acknowledged the need for im- tors acknowledge the ofprovements and said some are already being made. "Law enforcement agencies across the country rely on intelligence, and the quality of that intelligence can mean the difference



between life and death," the statement said.

During the attack, the report says, Capitol Police were compromised by bad intelligence, poor planning, faulty equipment and a lack of leadership. The force's incident command system "broke down during the attack," leaving officers on the front lines without orders. There were no functional incident commanders, and some senior officers were fighting instead of giving orders. Capitol Police "leadership never took control of the radio system to communicate orders to front-line officers," the investigation found.

"I was horrified that NO deputy chief or above was on the radio or helping us," one officer told the committee in an anonymous statement. "For hours the screams on the radio were horrific(,) the sights were unimaginable and there was a complete loss of control. ... For hours NO Chief or above took command and control. Officers were begging and pleading for help for medical triage."

The acting chief, Yogananda Pittman, who replaced Sund after his resignation, told the committees that the lack of communication resulted from "incident commanders being overwhelmed and engaging with rioters, rather than issuing orders over the radio."

The committee's interviews with police officers detail "absolutely brutal" abuse from Trump's supporters as they ran over them and broke into the building. The officers described hearing racial slurs and seeing Nazi salutes. One officer trying to evacuate the Senate said he had stopped several men in full tactical gear, one of whom said "You better get out of our way, boy, or we'll go through you to get (the senators)."' The insurrectionists told police officers they would kill them, then members of Congress. At the same time, the senaficers' bravery, noting that one officer told them, "The officers inside all behaved admirably and heroically and, even outnumbered, went on the offensive and took the Capitol back."



U.S. identifies 3,900 children separated at border under Trump

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Biden administration said Tuesday that it has identified more than 3,900 children separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border under former President Donald Trump's "zerotolerance" policy on illegal crossings, providing one of the more detailed accounts of a chapter in U.S. immigration history that drew widespread condemnation.

The Biden administration's Family Reunification Task Force count of 3,913 children separated from July 1, 2017, to the end of Trump's presidency is well below the more than 5,500 children identified by the American Civil Liberties Union in court filings, based on government information.

The task force said it identified "nearly all" children who were separated under the zero-tolerance policy but will review another 1,723 cases since July 2017, which would bring total cases examined to 5,636, close to the ACLU tally. The discrepancy appears to stem largely from a federal court ruling in San Diego that excluded 1,723 children who were separated for reasons other than Trump's zero-tolerance policy, such as risk of child endangerment or questions about parentage.

The task force will also try to determine if children were separated during the first six months of Trump's presidency, starting in January 2017, which was outside the scope of the ACLU lawsuit. That could raise the final number.

Of the 3,913 children, 1,786 have been reunified with a parent, mostly during Trump's tenure, parents of another 1,695 have been contacted and the whereabouts of 391 have not been established. Many who have been contacted were released to other family members.



In this Wednesday, June 20, 2018, file photo, stuffed toy animals wrapped in aluminum foil representing migrant children separated from their families are displayed in protest in front of the United States embassy in Guatemala City. I Associated Press

has vowed to reunite parents who are still apart from their children, but the pace has been slow and it is unclear how high that number will go. The first four parents were returned to the United States last month, part of what the task force identified as an initial group of 62 people — 28 from Guatemala, 20 from Honduras, 13 from El Salvador and one from Mexico. Administration officials say 29 of the 62 have received final clearances to return to the United States, which should occur after travel arrangements are made.

Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the ACLU's immigrant rights project, said he wished the reunifications had happened more quickly but welcomed the Biden administration's efforts.

"We believe the negotiations we're having with the administration are constructive and being held in good faith," Gelernt told reporters. "Our hope is now they've put in a process for reunifying people it can be scaled up." Gelernt said families not only need to be reunited but provided mental health and support services and compensation. For now, reunited families are being allowed to remain in the United States on a temporary basis, but the ACLU wants the administration to give them a more lasting solution, he said. "It's not a permanent status," he said. "That is foremost in the negotiations."

The report provided data that hadn't been previously released. Nearly 60% of children separated under the zero-tolerance policy were Guatemalans (2,270), followed by Hondurans (1,150), Salvadorans (281), Mexicans (75), Brazilians (74) and Romanians (23).

The Biden administration

Fed lawyers: Trump not liable for 'crude' remarks at accuser

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump cannot be held personally liable for "crude and disrespectful" remarks he made about a woman who accused him of rape because he made the comments while he was president, U.S. Justice Department lawyers told an appeals court late Monday.

Responding to misconduct allegations is part of the president's job, the government's lawyers told the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. As such, it is the United States itself — and not Trump — who should be the defendant in a defamation lawsuit brought by columnist E. Jean Carroll, who says Trump raped her in the mid-1990s in an upscale Manhattan department store.

In defending Trump in its filing Monday, the Justice Department is carrying on an effort that began under former U.S. Attorney General William Barr while Trump was still in office. Barr's intervention last October was criticized on the campaign trail by then-Democratic candidate Joe Biden, who said it was inappropriate for the Justice Department to attempt to intervene in a private legal battle over Trump's personal conduct.

The Justice Department's consistency in sticking with the case, even after Trump lost the election, has been cited by some as proof that Biden is keeping his word that he won't try to influence the department's moves.

Roberta Kaplan, Carroll's attorney, said in a statement that it was "horrific" that Trump raped her client but it was "truly shocking that the current Department of Justice would allow Donald Trump to get away with lying about it, thereby depriving our client of her day in court."

"The DOJ's position is not only legally wrong, it is morally wrong since it would give federal officials free license to cover up private sexual misconduct by publicly brutalizing any woman who has the courage to come forward," she said. "Calling a woman you sexually assaulted a 'liar,' a 'slut,' or 'not my type,' as Donald Trump did here, is not the official act of an American president."

In a statement, Carroll said: "As women across the country are standing up and holding men accountable for assault — the DOJ is trying to stop me from having that same right. I am angry! I am offended!" Washington Justice Department lawyers wrote that Trump was acting "within the scope of his office" in denying wrongdoing after White House reporters asked him about Carroll's claims.

They said: "Elected public officials can — and often must — address allegations regarding personal wrongdoing that inspire doubt about their suitability for office."

"Even reprehensible conduct ... can fall within the



In this March 4, 2020, file photo, E. Jean Carroll talks to reporters outside a courthouse in New York.

Associated Press

scope of employment," the lawyers wrote, conceding that Trump used "crude and disrespectful" language in questioning Carroll's credibility.

They said comments attacking her appearance, impugning her motives and implying she had made false accusations against others "were without question unnecessary and inappropriate." But they said they "all pertained to the denial of wrongdoing." The papers were filed after the Justice Department appealed a decision by Judge Lewis A. Kaplan, who ruled in October that Trump cannot use a law protecting federal employees from being sued individually for things they do within the scope of their employment.

Arguments supporting the Justice Department's position were also filed Monday by a personal lawyer for Trump.

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Woman sentenced for false 911 calls sparking fatal drug raid

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman was sentenced on Tuesday to three years and four months in federal prison for making false 911 calls that ultimately resulted in a 2019 drug raid by Houston police that killed both homeowners.

Patricia Garcia was the first person to be sentenced in connection with the deadly raid in which Dennis Tuttle, 59, and his wife, Rhogena Nicholas, 58, were fatally shot on Jan. 28, 2019. A dozen current and former officers tied to the narcotics unit that conducted the drug raid have been indicted in state and federal court in the wake of the shooting. Two current and former officers, Gerald Goines and Felipe Gallegos, are facing murder charges in state court.

Prosecutors have alleged Goines, who led the raid, lied to obtain the warrant to search the couple's home by claiming a confidential informant had bought heroin there. Goines later said there was no informant and he had bought the drugs himself, they allege. Police found small amounts



In this Aug. 23, 2019 file photo, former Houston police officers Steven Bryant, foreground, and Gerald Goines, background, turn themselves in at the Civil Courthouse, in Houston. **Associated Press**

of marijuana and cocaine in the house, but no heroin. During a federal court hearing done over video Tuesday, prosecutor Alamdar Hamdani said Garcia made three 911 phone calls on the evening of Jan. 8, 2019, in which she told police her daughter was being held against her will inside the couple's home, the couple were drug dealers and had guns inside their house.

Hamdani said Garcia had no daughter and that her other claims were also false, made while she was under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Garcia had a long running dispute with the couple, and the 911 calls were made to get back at them, according to authorities.

Prosecutors don't suggest Garcia was the cause of the couple's death 20 days later, but "that night, things were set in motion." Hamdani said.

"Ms. Garcia dialed 911 and intended to use those three digits as a weapon," he said.

Tuttle and Nicholas were killed, Garcia continued to not be remorseful, telling police she "was tired" of all the people who came to their neighborhood to mourn the couple's deaths. In a brief statement, Garcia said when she made the false 911 calls, she "wasn't in my right mind." In March, Garcia pleaded guilty to one count of providing false information.

Hamdani said that after

"I never meant for anyone ... to die the way they did. I am so sorry for my 911 telephone calls," Garcia said.

Her attorney, Marjorie Meyers, had asked for a sentence of 10 to 16 months, recommended by the sentencing guidelines, as Garcia has a long history of mental illness and drug abuse. Meyers said what happened to the couple was because "of rogue and corrupt police officers."

But U.S. District Judge George C. Hanks Jr. said he didn't believe Garcia was truly remorseful and she had been callous in trying to provoke police to forcefully enter her neighbors' home. 🗋

Rural Arizona residents wait as wildfire spreads uncontained



Smoke rises from the Telegraph Fire, on Monday, June 7, 2021, above Blue Lake, near Miami and Globe, Ariz.

Associated Press

By TERRY TANG Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Firefighters in Arizona were fighting Tuesday to gain a foothold into a massive wildfire, one of two that has forced thousands of evacuations in rural towns and closed almost every major highway out of the area.

The so-called Telegraph Fire, straddling two counties, has burned 112 square miles (290 square kilometers) and is at zero containment. The blaze was first reported Friday south of Superior in Pinal County, about 60 miles (96.6 kilometers) east of Phoenix.

Residents in neighboring

Gila County, which includes under "set" status. Still, she County Sheriff's Office Globe, Miami and smaller communities, have been in various stages of the evacuation process. The town of Miami is among those under an evacuation order. At least 2,500 homes in Gila County have been evacuated, said Carl Melford, the county emergency manager. He estimated that there are twice as many households who are in "set" mode with bags packed just in case. "Over the past three years, we've had some pretty ex-

treme fire seasons," said Melford, who has bags at his front door. "We've become very familiar with the process with what it takes to evacuate a community. But this is the largest evacuation to date."

Becky Stephenson, 37, whose Globe home sits on a hill near the U.S. Highway 60, is feet away from a zone

decided to have essentials including her pet parrot, Buddy, and his travel cage ready to go.

Watching flames climb trees Monday night from her home as the fire made its way into the Pinal Mountains and create an eerie orange glow was surreal, Stephenson said.

"Honestly, it just makes me feel like I can't wait till they get it under control and I can go out and start helping them revegetate," said Stephenson, who is a plant biologist. "It's just really sad to think about all of the torched plants and all of animals that lost their habitat during breeding season."

Meanwhile, Superior residents remain in "set" mode. But about 400 people in nearby Top-Of-The-World have been evacuated, said Lauren Reimer, a Pinal

spokeswoman.

Officials with the American Red Cross say 90 residents in total stayed Monday at shelters in Globe and Mesa. The fire was humancaused. But fire officials have not shared further details.

Several miles east of the wildfire, the smaller Mescal Fire was at 23% containment Tuesday. Fire officials lifted evacuation orders for residents of the community of San Carlos and in the areas of Soda Canyon and Coyote Flats. But the community of East El Capitan was still on mandatory evacuation.

The fire has burned nearly 105 square miles (13 square kilometers) — mostly desert brush, oak and grass. It was first reported June 2 southeast of Globe.

The cause is still under investigation.



Global sting: Secure FBI-run messaging network tricks crooks

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Criminal gangs divulged plans for moving drug shipments and carrying out killings on a secure messaging system secretly run by the FBI, law enforcement agencies said Tuesday, as they unveiled a global sting operation they said dealt an "unprecedented blow" to organized crime in countries around the world.

The operation known as Trojan Shield led to police raids in 16 nations. More than 800 suspects were arrested and more than 32 tons of drugs including cocaine, cannabis, amphetamines and methamphetamines were seized along with 250 firearms, 55 luxury cars and more than \$148 million in cash and cryptocurrencies.

The seeds of the sting were sown in 2018 when law enforcement agencies took down a company called Phantom Secure that provided customized end-toend encrypted devices to criminals, according to court papers. Unlike typical cell phones, the devices don't make phone calls or browse the internet but allow for secure messaging. As an outgrowth of the operation, the FBI also recruited a collaborator who was developing a next-generation secure-



In this undated photo supplied by the New Zealand police, a box containing a large amounts of cash is seen after being discovered during a police raid as part of Operation Trojan.

messaging platform for the criminal underworld called ANOM. The collaborator engineered the system to give the agency access to any messages being sent. ANOM didn't take off immediately. But once other secure platforms used by criminal gangs to organize drug trafficking underworld hits and money laundering were taken down by police, chiefly EncroChat and Sky ECC, gangs were in the market for a new one and the FBI's platform

was ready. Over the past 18 months, the agency provided phones via unsuspecting middlemen to more than 300 ganas operating in more than 100 countries.

Intelligence gathered and analyzed "enabled us to prevent murders. It led to the seizure of drugs that led to the seizure of weapons. And it helped prevent a number of crimes," Calvin Shivers, assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, told a news

conference in The Hague, Netherlands.

Associated Press

The operation led by the FBI with the involvement of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the European Union police agency Europol and law enforcement agencies in several countries dealt "an unprecedented blow to criminal networks, and this is worldwide," said Dutch National Police Chief Constable Jannine van den Berg.

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lice Commander Jennifer Hearst called it "a watershed moment in global law enforcement history."

The ANOM app became popular in criminal circles as users told one another it was a safe platform. All the time, police were looking over the shoulders of criminals as they discussed hits, drug shipments and other crimes.

"There was a void that was created by a lack of these encrypted platforms," Shivers said, of the initial move to take down apps previously used by gangs. "So that created an opportunity for collaboration with our international partners, to not only develop the specific tool but also to develop the process of gathering the intelligence and disseminating the intelligence."

The FBI collaborator effectively created a "blind copy" channel so that every single message sent by ANOM users ended up on a server run by the agency, court documents say.

Since October 2019, the FBI has has cataloged more than 20 million messages from a total of 11,800 devices with about 9,000 currently active, according to the documents, which cited Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Australia and Serbia as the most active countries. 🗖

British police officer admits kidnapping, raping woman



In this Saturday, March 20, 2021 file photo, floral tributes and messages are placed at the bandstand on Clapham Common in London.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British rape of a woman as she police officer has pleaded walked home in south Lonauilty to the kidnap and don and whose body was

found a week later in the woods. A court at London's Old Bailey heard Tuesday that Wayne Couzens, 48, accepted responsibility for the death of Sarah Everard though he was not asked to enter a plea to a charge of murder.

Members of Everard's family sat in court to witness the defendant enter his pleas. Medical reports about the Metropolitan Police officer, who appeared by video link from Belmarsh prison, are being prepared. A further hearing before the iudae, Adrian Fulford, will take place July 9.

Everard, a 33-year-old

missing as she walked home from a friend's house in Clapham, south London, on March 3. A major police investigation was launched and her body was found a week later in a woodland in the county of Kent, more than 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of London. Everard's disappearance and killing caused a nationwide outcry, with women force has expressed shock sharing experiences of be- and horror at Everard's ing threatened or attacked or simply facing the everyday fear of violence when walking alone.

The outcry was clearly evident during an unauthorized vigil on Clapham guarding embassies in the marketing executive, went Common on March 14 capital and Parliament.

that had been banned because of coronavirus restrictions. During the gathering, Metropolitan Police officers grabbed hold of several women and pulled them away in handcuffs to screaming and shouting from onlookers. The actions of the police were widely condemned.

The Metropolitan Police killing. Couzens joined its ranks in 2018 and had most recently served in the parliamentary and diplomatic protection command, an armed unit responsible for

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Trudeau denounces truck attack that targeted Muslim family

By ROB GILLIES

TORONTO (AP) — A pickup truck attack that killed four members of an immigrant family has shaken Canada, a country where immigrants are largely accepted, and drew denunciations Tuesday from Canada's prime minister, who called it a hate crime directed at Muslims.

The victims two parents, two children and a grandmother were on an evening walk when the driver of the truck struck them at an intersection in London, Ontario.

"This was a terrorist attack, motivated by hatred, in the heart of one of our communities," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told Parliament. "If anyone thinks racism and hatred don't exist in this country, I want to say this: How do we explain such violence to a child in a hospital? How can we look families in the eye and say "Islamophobia isn't real"? The victims' extended familv issued a statement identifying the dead as Salman Afzal, 46; his wife Madiha, 44; their daughter Yumna, 15; and a 74-year-old grandmother whose name was withheld. The sole survivor was a hospitalized 9-year-old boy who was identified as Fayez. Friends said the family immigrated



Torpenky Khan looks at a street sign that was destryoed at the location where a family of five was hit by a driver, in London, Ontario, Monday, June 7, 2021.

to Canada 14 years ago. Many Canadians have been enjoying evening walks to get fresh air after long days at home during the pandemic, Trudeau said.

"But unlike every other night, this family never made it home," Trudeau said. "Their lives were taken in a brutal, cowardly and brazen act of violence. This killing was no accident. ... Canadians are outraged by what happened on Sunday. And many Muslim Canadians are scared."

Trudeau said words matter

and in part blamed rhetoric, disinformation and extremism online and in politics.

"They can be a seed that grows into an ugly, pervasive trend. And sometimes, they lead to real violence," the prime minister said.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Twitter that the attack revealed the growing Islamophobia in Western countries.

A 20-year-old suspect, Nathaniel Veltman, was arrested in the parking lot of a nearby mall. He was facing four counts of first-de-

Associated Press

gree murder. Police were inside the suspect's London apartment on Tuesday.

Police said Veltman did not know the victims. Detective Supt. Paul Waight said it was not clear if he belonged to any specific hate group, but that local police were working with federal authorities to investigate potential terrorism charges. He said the attack was planned.

Everyone who knew the Afzal family knew "the model family they were as Muslims, Canadians and Pakistanis," the statement

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Mandela was later elect-

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from the extended family said. "They worked extremely hard in their fields and excelled. Their children were top students in their school and connected strongly with their spiritual identity."

A fundraising webpage said the father was a physiotherapist and cricket enthusiast and his wife was working on a doctorate in civil engineering at Western University in London. Their daughter was finishing ninth grade, and the grandmother was a "pillar" of the family, the page said.

The family statement urged the public to stand against hate and Islamophobia.

"This young man who committed this act of terror was influenced by a group that he associated with, and the rest of the community must take a strong stand against this, from the highest levels in our government to every member of the community," the statement said.

Flowers were placed around a light pole and a tree where the truck crossed onto the sidewalk.

A vigil was scheduled for Tuesday night at the mosque the family attended. Trudeau and other federal political party leaders were scheduled to attend.

Foundation of FW de Klerk denies reports on his health

By MOGOMOTSI MAGOMEdition worsened but theAssociated PressFW de Klerk Foundation

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The foundation of FW de Klerk, South Africa's last apartheid president and a Nobel laureate, denied media reports Tuesday that his health was "rapidly deteriorating" after he was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

De Klerk announced on his 85th birthday in March that he was suffering from mesothelioma, a cancer that affects the tissue that lines the lungs.

Reports in South Africa said de Klerk had been hospitalized after his condition worsened but the FW de Klerk Foundation responded by saying there had been "no discernible deterioration in his health since he was diagnosed in March."

"There have been extensive media reports that Mr. de Klerk's health 'is rapidly deteriorating.' This is not so," the foundation said.

"He is now considering the continuation of the course of immunotherapy that he has been following for the past two months."

It added de Klerk had attended a meeting of his foundation board on Monday and still works at his offices three or four times a week.

"He and his wife, Elita, hope to travel to Greece for a holiday as soon as COVID regulations permit," the foundation said. De Klerk was the last president of the country's governwhite-minority ment, which imposed the apartheid policy of racial segregation in South Africa. He was president from 1989-1994 and a central figure in the country's eventual move to democracy.

In 1990, he announced that Nelson Mandela and other anti-apartheid lead-



In this Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 file photo former South African President FW de Klerk arrives for the State of the Nation Address at parliament in Cape Town, South Africa.

Associated Press

elections in 1994. De Klerk served as one of his deputy presidents from 1994-96. In 1993, de Klerk and Mandela were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their role in ending apartheid.



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Human rights ombudsman says 58 killed in Colombia protests

By MANUEL RUEDA Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Fifty-eight people have been killed during anti-government protests that began in Colombia five weeks ago and have also led to roadblocks and clashes with police, the country's human rights ombudsman said Monday.

In a report presented to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the ombudsman office also said it had received more than 400 allegations of human rights violations during the protests that started April 28, including cases of police beatings, arbitrary detentions and sexual abuses of protesters in police custody.

Colombia's police have come under scrutiny from human rights groups for their behavior during the protests, in which videos have shown police shooting at protesters or standing by while armed civilians fired at demonstrators.

The situation prompted a delegation from the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights to visit Colombia this week, where it will meet with government officials, protest victims and organizations that have accused the police of using excessive force during the protests.

The delegation said Monday that it will deliver recommendations for the government to follow up on at the end of its visit. It could also set up an independent commission of experts to track progress on human rights issues.

According to Temblores, a human rights group based in Bogota, police have been directly involved in 45 deaths during the protests. Human Rights Watch says it has documented nine cases in which police killed protesters with gunfire and four other cases in which police officers killed protesters using tear gas canisters and other devices designed to control crowds.

The watchdog group says it is looking into dozens more cases of alleged police killings.

Colombia's attorney general has said it is investigating police involvement in at least three deaths of protesters and has launched a probe into a recent incident in the city of Cali during which officers protected armed civilians that shot at demonstrators.

On Sunday, President Ivan Duque announced a proposal to reform Colombia's police forces that includes putting body cameras on officers and creating a human rights directorate within the police to seek outside advice on policies. The government also said it will improve methods through which citizens can file complaints.

Protesters, however, have said they want police officers placed under the jurisdiction of civilian courts. Officers who commit crimes while on duty in Colombia are currently judged by military tribunals, which are often staffed by their own peers.

The current wave of protests started over a plan to increase taxes. The government withdrew the plan, but the protests have continued, fueled by growing inequality and unemployment during the pandemic. Protest leaders are demanding a new set of social and economic policies that include a basic income plan for poor households and more spending on public education. They also want the police to be transferred from the Ministry of Defense to the Ministry of the Interior.

Negotiations between protest leaders and the government have been slow to get off the ground. On Sunday, a group of unions and associations that has spearheaded the protests walked away from talks with the government over Duque's recent decision to send soldiers to 13 cities to remove roadblocks and control violent protests.

The government has asked the group to dismantle and reject roadblocks that have caused food shortages in some parts of the country and forced factories to stop working.



A man waves a banner representing Colombia's national colors during an anti-government protest triggered by proposed tax increases on public services, fuel, wages and pensions in Bogota, Colombia, Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

Associated Press

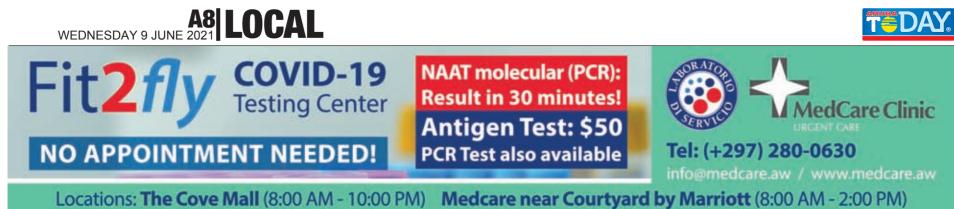


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Mangel Halto is screaming for help

SAVANETA - I think it is time to give Mangel Halto a little more attention and a lot more respect.

All of us love hanging out at this beautiful spot of Aruba, but so much garbage gets left behind. We need to make everyone a little bit more aware of Aruba's Nature and how to keep everything in balance. Pls everyone, take everything you brought back with you and find the nearest trash can, don't leave anything behind.

These guys are workers assigned by the Government, they are on contract but they are not aware of the damage they are currently doing here. This department called DOW wants to see Mangel Halto beach clean, no matter what and it's just for the eyes. They need to stop raking all the leaves off the floor and sit together to find the best solution to help Nature and wildlife here at Mangel Halto, we did enough The Mangroves need a little more

damage already Aruba. At the moment (for years) these teams are raking all around and dumping everything with this wheel barrel deeper in the roots of the Mangrove trees. This interferes with life both above and below the surface, rotten roots and lack of water flow between the roots. The standing water is killing and hurting the process even more with the algae that accumulate later causing the roots to rot. The only time some aarbaae, algae etc aet out is at high tide. Then the waters around Mangel Halto get brown nasty and murky for a few days till the tide gets lower.

The falling leaves need to be left alone, don't rake them all, this serves as protection for the Fidler crab. They lay eggs down in the sand and these leaves provide the shade they need.



flow between the roots, so I think they need to open a little channel in order for this to happen and this is by the one wooden bridge they have in the back, open the channel and let the water flow.

The Mangrove are literally falling

apart because of termites. Mangel Halto needs urgent attention. Mangel Halto is suffering my friends. Let us Protect and Respect Nature a little more

Thank you all for your support my friends.



About Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven.



Aruba welcomes first cruise ship since the start of the pandemic



ORANJESTAD - Aruba Ports Authority NV (APA) has proudly announced that if all goes according to plan, they will welcome the first Cruise Ship since the start of the pandemic in 2020 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

The first ship will be Celebrity Cruises' Millennium. The cruise ship departs from Sint Maarten and has Aruba on the program. Millennium will spend most of the day in port and will sail again at 6pm. This will certainly help boost the economy which is much needed now. "It has been more than a year since operations at the port in Oranjestad were halted due to the pandemic. With the exception of a few cruise ships that chose to dock in the Port of Oranjestad, we have not received any passengers since the last cruise ship departed on March 13, 2020. This week fills us with emotions and determination for the road to recovery," said the Director of APA Marc Figaroa over the weekend as he oversaw preparations in port for the arrival of Millennium.

The crew and passengers on board the cruise ship are all over 18 years of age. This is not only an achievement of the APA but also of the team consisting of APA, Department of Public Health, Aruba Tourism Authority, Department of Shipping Aruba has worked with the Crisis Team on and approved the protocols so that Aruba can again receive cruise ships in the port of Oranjestad. Aruba's handling of the pandemic has paid off positively, given that this is the first cruise ship to sail Caribbean waters since the start of the pandemic, and Aruba is more than honored.

Celebrity Millennium has undergone a complete renovation from deck to mast. This was the largest renovation in Celebrity Millennium's history and guarantees their passengers a new and luxurious experience unlike any other. The cruise ship now offers new rooms, restaurants, recently decorated salons and a completely redesigned spa. The total investment amounted to more than 500 million dollars.

Additional onboard improvements include:

- Contemporary rooms and suites completely redesigned and inspired by award-winning designer Kelly Hoppen from Celebrity Edge and eXhale bedding from Celebrity with luxury mattresses from the Cashmere line
- Renovated restaurants, bars and saloons where guests can enjoy the culinary experience in a private environment.
- New boutiques with the most popular designer lines.
- Advanced RFID locking technology that provides privacy and security with digital keys for every room.



Taste limitless possibilities at Infini, where Chef Urvin Croes and his team explores without boundaries and steps with both feet outside of the box to create his most sensational dishes yet. This meticulously designed restaurant located inside Blue Residences on scenic Eagle Beach is a chef's table concept with limited seating where diners are able to interact with the staff and other guests alike throughout the evening.

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Covid-19: the status on Aruba

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ORANJESTAD —Rules and protocols are being reviewed and evaluated on a daily basis and adapted as per current situation by a crisis team, in order to protect each and every one visiting and residing our island.

Current numbers

There are currently 53 active Covid cases on the island. 42 residents and 11 non-residents. There are no persons hospitalized. 107 persons lost their battle against the Covid virus of which 1 of them is a non-resident. A total of 168.768 persons have been tested of which 116.994 were tested at the airport. 65% of the total population have been vaccinated. Aiming for 85% of the total population by end of June 2021.

Measurement by the Government of Aruba effective as of Wednesday June 9th, 2021:

- Masks are no longer mandatory but they are recommended when 1.5 meter social distancing is not possible. Establishments however are allowed to require people to wear masks to enter and this must be followed if it applies.
- No more government restrictions regarding supermarkets but as stated above each supermarket can have their individual regulations that must be followed.
- Public parking lots are no longer restricted zones.
- There is no more gathering ban.
- Bars can now be open and people are allowed to sit at bars again.
- Live music is now permitted with no maximum number of musicians. No dancing.
- Spectators are now allowed for sporting events and contact sports are now permitted to take place.

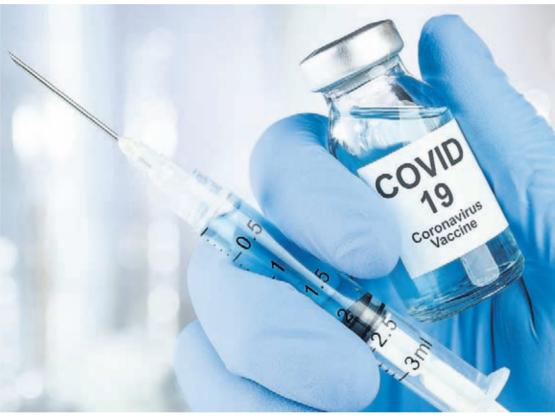
- Locals who have been vaccinated are no longer required to quarantine for two weeks with contact tracing if they had been in contact with a person who tested positive. Vaccine is proving to be 95% effective.
- All restaurants and establishments are required to close by 11:00pm. This does not include establishments on hotel properties such as restaurants.
- Restaurants have a maximum of eight adults seated together inside and 10 outside. Children under 12 do not count towards the maximum numbers
- All casinos must close by 1:00am.
- Beach weddings are allowed to happen but no dancing is allowed and Covid protocols must be followed.

More information on travel and health requirements can be found on www.aruba.com.

Most new Covid-19 patients are not vaccinated

ORANJESTAD - Since the first Pfizer vaccine in Aruba was administered on February 17, 2021, authorities have been monitoring both the potential side effects and the effectiveness of the vaccine in Aruba.

As of June 3, 2021, 63,925 individuals were vaccinated in Aruba and the most common side effects were as expected; mild and normal. Since February 17 and through June 3, 3,010 people tested positive for the virus, and of the 3,010 new cases, 2,859 had not been vaccinated, 151 received the first doses of the vaccine and 19 received both vaccines. This confirms the accuracy of the vaccine's effectiveness at 95%. Between the same period, the hospital indicated that 250 Covid19-infected patients were hospitalized for additional care due to respiratory complications re-



lated to Covid19, mostly on supplemental oxygen. Of the 250 patients hospi-

talized, 235 were unvaccinated, 5 individuals who received both vaccines but received the virus within 14 vaccine, 10 individuals had days of receiving the first received only 1 vaccine,

latter group were hospitalized for more than 14 days with complications after receiving their vaccine. However, it is important to note that not a single person who was fully vaccinated has been hospitalized on the ICU due to Covid-19. The continuous analysis of the DVG tracks the effectiveness of the Pfizer vaccine and is reason for the DVG to continue to promote the vaccine. Those infected with Covid19 after receiving both vaccines will experience mild symptoms and recover quickly. The vaccine reduces the risk of serious complications and lowers the risk of death from complications caused

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New prices for petroleum products June 9, 2021

ORANJESTAD - Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Culture announces the sales prices for petroleum products from June 9, 2021.

Gasoline unleaded premium : 225.8 cents p/ltr. (+ 3.7 cents)

Diesel LS: 183.0 cents per liter. (+ 8.4 cents)

Kerosene : 158.8 cents p/ltr. (+ 4.7 cents)

The oil prices mentioned above include Taxes known as BBO/BAZV/BAVP.







Millennial Money: Trial, error, and what I learned in my 20s

By SEAN PYLES of NerdWallet

Your 20s are a time of selfexploration, finding your footing as an adult — and likely making some money mistakes.

To save you from learning the hard way — and pass on some knowledge as I enter my 30s — here are five money lessons from my past decade.

GET SERIOUS ABOUT GOALS For several years, my main financial goal was to go out as much as I wanted and still have enough money left at the end of the month to cover rent.

Eventually, though, groggy mornings and paltry savings proved unfulfilling. My partner and I decided to set goals and plan for them. We wanted to buy a house, which meant moving to a less expensive city so we could build savings. TIP: Know your passions to know your goals.

Sacramento, California, certified financial planner Pam Rodriguez suggests identifying what brings you joy, then crafting a financial plan to create more of those moments.

"Personal finance is a lot more emotional than it is a math equation," Rodriguez says. "Even though the numbers have to add up, you'll never take action un-



In this Jan. 21, 2020 file photo, dollar bills have been dropped into a tip jar at a carwash in the Brooklyn borough of New York. **Associated Press**

less you feel strongly about tually, I sucked it up and something."

If you want to buy a house to host friends and family, for example, identify how much you'll need for a down payment and closing costs, then work toward that savings goal over time. FIGURE OUT A BUDGETING SYSTEM

For most of my 20s, my budgeting system was defined by the lack thereof. Even-

started tracking my spending. At first, I felt that I was slacking if I didn't document where every penny went. But I quickly realized that keeping a simple budget was more my style.

TIP: Choose a budgeting system that reflects who you are.

If you're a hyperanalytical person, a detailed budgeting spreadsheet might suit you. But if you're more hands-off, a budgeting app might do the trick. No matter how you budget, it's important to at least understand the money coming in and going out

monthly. "When people see their spending, they have an aha moment, because they didn't realize where their money was going," says Sidney Divine, an Atlanta certified financial planner.

LEARN FROM MISTAKES

Did you know that if you work a contract gig and don't put aside enough cash to cover taxes, you may be left making monthly payments to the IRS for years to come? In my early 20s, I learned this the hard way.

TIP: Locate the source of a problem and find a solution.

In my case, the problem was that I ignored my finances and didn't think about tax obligations. I resolved the issue by proactively managing my budget and paying off my tax debt. Getting a new job that wasn't a 1099 gig helped, too.

"You've got to figure out: Is it the same mistake you're making over and over? Is it a pattern?" says Christine Papelian, a certified financial planner in Phoenix. "If it's a new mistake, then now you have an opportunity to get back on track. It's almost never too late to change a behavior or a habit."

If you have a habit of making late payments, for example, think about setting up automatic bill pay so you don't have to worry about tracking various due dates. 🗋

World Bank sees 5.6% global growth in 2021, best since 1973

By PAUL WISEMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank is upgrading the outlook for global growth this year, predicting that COVID-19 vaccinations and massive government stimulus in rich countries will power the fastest that could afford to spend worldwide expansion in nearly five decades.

In its latest Global Economic economies: 90% of ad-Prospects report, out Tuesday, the 189-country antipoverty agency forecasts that the world economy will grow 5.6% this year, up from the 4.1% it forecast in January. The global economy last year shrank 3.5% as the coronavirus pandemic disrupted trade and forced businesses to close and people to stay home.

The projected expansion economy to expand 6.8% would make 2021 the fastest year of growth since 1973's 6.6%.

But the 2021 rebound will be uneven, the bank predicts, led by rich countries such as the United States vast amounts of taxpayer money to support their vanced economies are expected to return to prepandemic levels next year -- measured by income per person -- versus just a third of developing countries.

The World Bank is calling for wider distribution of COVID vaccines to low-income countries, where inoculations have gone slowly. The bank expects the U.S. in 2021, up from the 3.5% it forecast in January; the world's biggest economy shrank 3.5% last year as COVID-19 brought economic activity to a near standstill in the spring. But an aggressive vaccine rollout, along with low interest rates and massive government spending revived the economy.

China -- the world's No. 2 economy and the first to emerge from the coronavirus recession -- is forecast to grow 8.5% in 2021 after expanding just 2.3% last year. The 19 European countries that share the euro currency are collectively expected to 4.2%, reversing last year's 6.6% drop. And



This April 5, 2021 file photo shows Washington.

Japan is forecast to post 2.9% growth this year after registering a 4.7% drop in economic output last year. The bank notes downside risks to its forecast, including

the possibility that the pandemic lingers, that inflation flares and forces central banks to raise interest rates and that countries strugale with high debt burdens.

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The Fastly home page is seen on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Global glitch: Swaths of internet go down after cloud outage

KELVIN CHAN AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Dozens of websites went down briefly around the globe Tuesday, including CNN, The New York Times and Britain's government home page, after an outage at the cloud computing service Fastly, illustrating how vital a small number of behindthe-scenes companies have become to running the internet.

The sites that could not be reached also included some Amazon pages, the Financial Times, Reddit,

Twitch and The Guardian. San Francisco-based Fastly acknowledged a problem just before 6 a.m. Eastern. About an hour later, the company said: "The issue has been identified and a fix has been applied." Most of the sites soon appeared to be back online.

it was a "technical issue" and "not related to a cyber attack."

Still, major futures markets in the U.S. dipped sharply a global outage." minutes after the outage, Brief internet service outagwhich came a month after es are not uncommon and hackers forced the shut- are only rarely the result of of sites going down.

pipeline in the U.S. Fastly is a content-delivery

network, or CDN. It provides vital but behind-the-scenes cloud computing "edge servers" to many of the web's popular sites. These servers store, or "cache," content such as images and video in places around the world so that it is closer to users, allowing them to fetch it more quickly and smoothly.

Fastly says its services mean that a European user going to an American website can get the content 200 to 500 milliseconds faster.

Internet traffic measurement by Kentik showed that Fastly began to recover from the outage roughly an hour after it struck at mid-morning European time, before most Americans were awake.

"Looks like it is slowly com-The company said in an ing back," said Doug Ma- site returned an "Error 503 emailed statement that dory, an internet infrastructure expert at Kentik. He sage, along with the line said "it is serious because Fastly is one of the world's biggest CDNs and this was

down of the biggest fuel hacking or other mischief. Fastly stock jumped about 6% by midday as investors shrugged off the problem. Still, the incident highlighted the relative fragility of the internet's architecture given its heavy reliance on Big Tech companies — such as Amazon's AWS cloud services — as opposed to a more decentralized array of companies.

"Even the biggest and most sophisticated companies experience outages. But they can also recover fairly quickly," Madory said.

When the outage hit, some visitors trying to access CNN.com got a message that said: "Fastly error: unknown domain: cnn.com." Attempts to access the Financial Times website turned up a similar message, while visits to The New York Times and U.K. government's gov.uk Service Unavailable" mes-"Varnish cache server," which is a technology that Fastly is built on.

Down Detector, which tracks internet outages, posted reports on dozens



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Review: 'In the Heights' is the infusion of joy we needed

By JOCELYN NOVECK AP National Writer

"I am Usnavi and you prob'ly never heard my name," declares bodega owner Usnavi at the start of "In the Heights," Lin-Manuel Miranda's contagiously joyous ode to his beloved Washington Heights neighborhood. "Reports of my fame are greatly exaggerated."

Um ... maybe not for long. Projects by Miranda tend to attract a wee bit of attention.

Even in the annals of musical theater, by nature filled with Cinderella stories, "In the Heights" has an amazing backstory. It began two decades ago when a college student at Wesleyan had extra time on his hands his girlfriend was studying abroad — so he started to write a show. A show that represented the Latino immigrant experience as he, son of Puerto Rican parents, saw it. A show that melded the things he loved: hip-hop, Latin music and dance, rap, and of course musical theater.

The kid was Miranda, and "In the Heights" eventually made it all the way to the Tony podium, winning best musical. Of course, Miranda's own story was just beginning. "Hamilton," his



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Jimmy Smits in a scene from "In the Heights.'

genre-bending phenomenon, was years away.

Comparisons between the two are inevitable, but they're different animals. "In the Heights," directed with unabashed exuberance by Jon M. Chu from a screenplay by Quiara Alegria Hudes, doesn't seek to reframe American history; it uses Miranda's rapidfire wordplay and hybrid of traditional and contemporary styles to tell the story of one community — one in-

tersection, even — through universal experiences, like encroaching gentrification. This updated version also touches on the Dreamers, and a golf reference to Donald Trump has been switched to Tiger Woods. But its main thrust is still the bonds of community, family and home. (If you look closely during one song, you can even spot Miranda's parents.)

"In the Heights" also benefits from an exquisite sense of timing - cultural timing. The release was postponed a year; theaters are now open. "Lights up," begins the infectious opening number, and those words are perfect: Lights up on Washington Heights, yes, but also on a reawakened New York, where many are tentatively returning to prepandemic rhythms after a miserable year, eager for shared experience. "In the Heights" is a work that reads the room: a film without an

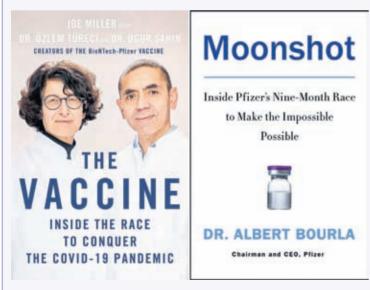
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ounce of cynicism, that wears its big heart proudly on its sleeve and dares you not to join in. Two lovers, suddenly dancing up the side of an apartment building? A Busby Berkeley-style dance number in a city pool? Yup. And yup.

Usnavi, we learn, aches to return to the Dominican Republic, where his late father owned a beach kiosk. Miranda played Usnavi onstage but has handed off to Anthony Ramos, a "Hamilton" alum (that's him with the "ten-dollar founding father" line) who eases into leading-man duties with warmth, humor and charm. Though the film begins with a framing device of Usnavi recounting history to children on a beach - a choice that comes off as overly sentimental — it kicks into gear in that opening number, in which Usnavi introduces all the important characters.

There's Abuela Claudia, de facto matriarch of the community (Olga Merediz, a Broadway alum, in a deeply poignant performance). There's Usnavi's cousin Sonny (Gregory Diaz IV) — wiry, fast-talking, funny. There's Daniela (Daphne Rubin-Vega), owner of a local salon threatened by gentrification.

BioNTech founders contributing to book on COVID-19 vaccine



This combination of book cover images shows "The Vaccine: Inside the Race to Conquer the COVID-19 Pandemic" by Joe Miller with Dr. Ozlem Tureci and Dr. Uger Sahin, left, and "Moonshot: Inside Pfizer's Nine-Month Race to Make the Impossible Possible" by Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla. "Moonshot" is scheduled for release on Nov. 9, and "The Vaccine" is scheduled for Nov. 16.

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By HILLEL ITALIE AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The husband and wife team who helped make the first CO-VID-19 vaccine are contributing to a book about their efforts. BioNTech founders Ugur Sahin and Özlem Türeci are collaborating with Joe Miller of the Financial Times on "The Vaccine," St. Martin's Publishing Group announced Tuesday.

Publication is scheduled for Nov. 2. That's one week before a book by the head of Pfizer, which teamed up with the Germany-based BioNTech to develop the vaccine, is scheduled to come out.

"The Vaccine' will reveal

how they were able to develop a panel of vaccine candidates within a matter of weeks, how they convinced major pharmaceutical companies to support their work, how they navigated negotiations with the U.S. administration and the European Union, and how in partnership with Pfizer they managed to produce more than two billion doses for countries around the world," according to St. Martin's.

"Drs. Sahin and Türeci will explain the 30 years of scientific research that laid the foundations for the first Covid-19 vaccine, at a time when public confidence in its safety and efficacy is crucial to offering son & Johnson.

humanity a route out of this pandemic. And, they will offer a glimpse into the potential treatment of other diseases that the success of the BioNTech vaccine offers."

Pfizer Chairman and CEO Albert Bourla is also working on a book, announced last month. Harper Business is publishing Bourla's "Moonshot: Inside Pfizer's Nine-Month Race to Make the Impossible Possible" on Nov. 9.

Pfizer last December became the first U.S. company to have a vaccine authorized by the FDA, which days later approved a vaccine by Moderna and in February one by John-



Zverev reaches 3rd Grand Slam semifinal, 1st at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Alexander Zverev did not want to believe that his opponent in the French Open quarterfinals had saved a break point with a shot that landed on — or was it merely near? — a line in the fourth game Tuesday.

So Zverev crouched down near the mark on the red clay and engaged in a bit of an argument with chair umpire Alison Hughes, repeatedly saying, "No!" and then "How?"

Hughes, whose call was backed up by an unofficial video rendering shown on TV, didn't budge, and Zverev quickly lost that game, then the next one, too, to fall briefly behind. Could have been the start of an unraveling.

Instead, showing the way in which he stays cooler at crucial moments in the sport's biggest tournaments these days, the sixthseeded Zverev recovered quickly, grabbed 16 of the remaining 19 games and easily moved into his third major semifinal by defeating Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

"Obviously the Grand Slams are the tournaments that we want to win the most. Before, maybe the last few years, I was putting too much pressure on myself," said the 24-year-old Zverev,



Germany's Alexander Zverev shows the mark on the clay as he plays Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Tuesday, June 8, 2021 in Paris.

who was the runner-up to good friend Dominic Thiem at last year's U.S. Open.

"I was not very patient with myself, which I feel like now, maybe, I learned how to deal with the situation a little bit better, I'm maybe a little bit calmer at the tournaments," he said. "But the end goal hasn't changed." The German will participate in his first semifinal at Roland Garros against either No. 2 Daniil Medvedev of Russia or No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece. Their quarterfinal was contested Tuesday night.

"I played solid so far. I know that the matches, (from) the semifinals on, are not going to get easier. I think the opponents there are extremely difficult to beat, so I got to play the same or raise my level even higher to have a chance," Zverev said. "But I'm comfortable." In the two women's quarterfinals played earlier in the day at Court Philippe Chatrier, No. 31 seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia and 85th-ranked Tamara Zidansek of Slovenia each earned her first berth in a major semifinal.

Pavlyuchenkova entered the day with an 0-6 record in Slam quarterfinals — including a loss in Paris back in 2011 — but she edged her doubles partner Elena Rybakina 6-7 (2), 6-2, 9-7. "Mentally it was really, really hard this morning," the 29-year-old Pavlyuchenkova said. "Especially since I needed to play Elena." Rybakina managed to eliminate 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams in the fourth round but wasn't able to play as well against Pavlychenkova. Before last week, Zidansek

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never had advanced past the second round at any Grand Slam tournament.

Indeed, her biggest triumphs as an athlete might have come in an entirely different sport: She was a junior national champion in snowboarding.

But spurred on by the vocal support of her coaching team on Court Philippe Chatrier, Zidansek got past No. 33 seed Paula Badosa 7-5, 4-6, 8-6.

"It feels overwhelming," Zidansek said.

There were 15 service breaks in that match and acknowledged Badosa being a bit undone by her nerves.

She threw her racket at the changeover after falling behind 6-5 in the third set. "I guess I managed to keep my composure today a little bit better than her," Zidansek said.

Zverev was able to contain whatever was roiling inside after what, to him, perhaps felt like a critical moment even if it came after just 20 minutes of play against the 46th-ranked Davidovich Fokina, a 22-year-old from Spain who loves to use drop shots.But after getting broken three times in the opening set, Zverev never faced so much as one break point the rest of the way.

Baffert, Medina Spirit owners sue Kentucky racing officials

By GARY B. GRAVES LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) —

Trainer Bob Baffert and the owners of Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit have filed a lawsuit against Kentucky racing officials.

They are seeking a temporary injunction they say is to prevent violation of due process rights and for custody of "remnant" samples of the colt's urine to prove that traces of the steroid states that the KHRC told betamethasone found in his system during a posi- June 1 that remnant sam- mediately answered. tive drug test did not come from an injection.

Medina Spirit's Derby victory on May 1 is in jeopardy after a failed postrace drug test revealed 21 picograms

horse. The Hall of Fame trainer and Medina Spirit owner Amr Zedan confirmed last week that a second test — or split-sample - was also positive for betamethasone.

Baffert and Zedan Racing Stables filed the lawsuit against the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission on Monday in Franklin County Circuit Court. The suit the trainer and owners on

cedural due process rights" regarding analysis of the split sample.

"The testing the plaintiff seek would provide empirical and scientific reasonable certainty that the miniscule (sic) and materially irrelevant reported positive in Medina Spirit's post race sample was innocuously sourced from the topical Otomax," the suit said.

A message left with a KHRC spokesperson was not im-

ples of the samples had Baffert, suspended by been "damaged/contami- Churchill Downs last week nated" during transport to for two years from the track the testing lab. The lawsuit for his recent record of also seeks an injunction to failed tests, initially denied prevent the KHRC from vio- wrongdoing before later ing the corticosteroid for sone in horses on race of betamethasone in the lating "substantive and pro- acknowledging that the a skin inflammation. Ken- day.



In this May 1, 2019, file photo, trainer Bob Baffert watches his Kentucky Derby entrant Game Winner during a workout at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. **Associated Press**

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Boosted by big crowds, Suns try to win again vs Nuggets

By DAVID BRANDT

PHOENIX (AP) - It would have been an awesome play even when Phoenix Suns Arena was empty: Cameron Payne floated a pass to a streaking Torrey Craig, who soared through the air before grabbing the alley-oop and flushing a powerful dunk with two hands.

But there was one thing that made it even more special for the players. The crowd went absolutely

nuts.

As COVID-19 restrictions have slowly eased, the Phoenix Suns' fan base is relishing the team's return to playoffs for the first time in 11 years. The franchise welcomed a raucous sellout crowd of 16,219 on Monday night during its 122-105



Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic (15) shoots over Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker (1) during Game 1 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Monday, June 7, 2021, in Phoenix.

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victory in Game 1 over the Denver Nuggets. That's just below the arena's listed capacity of around 18,000. "This was the loudest game, to be honest, that I've ever

played in," Suns forward Deandre Ayton said. Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals is on

Wednesday in Phoenix. Though there have been



stances of poor fan behavior during the NBA's postseason, there's little doubt that a loud arena can also be a very, very fun one. The Suns have taken advantage of their loud home court so far, winning three of four postseason games in the desert.

"This crowd is crazy, it's crazy having all the fans in there," Suns guard Chris Paul said. "The energy — there's nothing like it. I told the guys 'This is why we fought so hard during the regular season to get home court advantage.' I think we truly have that with our fan base here."

Paul's stellar fourth quarter during Monday night's win was obviously good news for the Suns. The 11-time All-Star has fought through a shoulder injury that he suffered in Game 1 of the first round against the Lakers. He finished with 21 points and 11 assists on Monday, becoming just the third player age 36 or older who has had at least 20 points and 10 assists in a playoff game.

Paul's hopeful that Game 2 can be even better, but acknowledged he's taking it game by game.

"It definitely loosens up," Paul said. "One thing about it is you don't get no practice time. The only way you get to see how it is, is during the game."

As for Denver, coach Michael Malone wants to see more toughness from his team after a "soft" effort in Game 1.

tonight," Malone said. "That is a soft mentality. You can't give up eight 'And-1s' in a playoff game. If you are going to foul somebody, foul them and not let them get the 'And-1."" NUGGETS AT SUNS

some well-documented in- Game 2, 9:30 p.m. EDT, TNT - NEED TO KNOW: The Suns are rolling in their first trip to the postseason in 11 seasons. They've already dispatched the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers and now they've got a chance to go up 2-0 on the Nuggets. Phoenix is getting contributions from all over the roster and four players — Mikal Bridges, Ayton, Devin Booker and Paul all scored at least 20 points in Game 1.

- KEEP AN EYE ON: Craig. He gave Phoenix big minutes off the bench in Game 1, with nine points and seven rebounds. The highlight was the high-flying dunk on an alley-oop pass from Payne that was the exclamation point on a big second half run to take control in the win.

"No matter where (Payne) threw it," Craig said. "I was going to get it."

Craig played for Denver during the previous three seasons so he knows the team well. His Phoenix teammates say the forward has been valuable in sharing the tendencies of the Nuggets' players.

"It felt good - going out there and competing against those guys," Craig said. "They're a great team. They've got a lot of great players. Any time you're in a situation where you're competing against a good, you get up for it, you rise to the occasion."

- INJURY WATCH: Nuggets forward Michael Porter Jr. had 15 points and seven rebounds in Game "We gave up eight 'And-1s' 1 but most of his production came early. Malone said Porter hurt his back at some point late in the first half and didn't look quite as explosive in the aftermath. Denver probably needs him close to full strength to take Game 2.